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TOURNEY OF BIKE KINGS

Field Day with Royal Racers at Ice Palace.

MANY RECORDS WERE BROKEN

Immense Success of the Opening Event at Convention Hall Throug of Skaters and Cyclers View the Brilliant Special Events Last Night.

Score at 10 o'Clock.

Name.	Miles, Laps.	
Waller	147	7
Maddox	147	7
Ashinger		- 9
Lawson	144	- 8
Hunter		7
Forster		7
Ball		0
Chapple	141	7
Schock	139	8
Alberts	130	6
Marks	26	0
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Eleven of the fleetest cyclers in the world, arrayed in gaudy colors and favors like buights in the old tourney. Tushed up the steep incline of the Ice Palace track rester day afternoon and opened the distinct even of recent years in the sporting and socia world of Washington.

The was in progress only an boar when, as a complemnit to the spiendid track and to the credit of the international contestants, the record for indoor racing was broken, leaving the late Madison Square Gar des figures largely in the rear of the time tables. It was an auspicious christening Nothing of late has so caught the public fancy as this international breyel a fact which was evidenced by the great crowds at Convention Hall, their enths sinstic interest and the stirring details of

the assembling of the speciators.

There is to begin with nothing elsewhere in the world like the environment at the some of the contest. The Times has fully described the material aspects of the hall, the track, and the ice floor. That, how ever, suggests adding of the animation, the movement, the life, the color of the two great speciacles rolled into one, the crowds erry skaters in the middle of the vast hall, then on the frame of this kaleidoscopic picture the flying steel steeds and their artistic riders, and beyond these, to the very walls and in the galleries, hundreds of spectators, cheering the fine points of skill or finesse, the accident, or the capture of the lead by some favorite rider.

Gatherings of the Crowd, By Jong odds Convention Hall, with its dentile and unique attractions, will hold the public attention until these riders have gone down the incline of 1896 and up the grade of 1897 for the magnificent

prizes offered by the management.

Although the particular event of the day was the start, which was talled for 2 p precisely, the eyclers and skaters of the town took no chances of getting a good point of observation as late as that The crowd began to assemble as early as I p. m. At that time there was miready a numerous and merry throng of young people on the ice. This, however, served only to entertain the gathering spectators while they waited for the en trance into the green of the world's In the corth gallery a double orchestra, directed by Prof. Daniel Emick, usly, adding to the gayety

The first cheer went up when George Ball, the local entry, appeared on the track in his well-fitting blue and white suit, American to the core and grit. It was evident from the volume of the ovation that he had friends in that mass meet ing. He, with Lawson, "the Terrible Swede," are easily the first in point of picturesqueness of attire, elegance and trinness of appearance, and favor with the

Refreshments for the Riders,

When this by-play was going on the American and English managers took their places on the inner edge of the track, near the 'pole," and set up their establistments for the refreshment of the racers. Mr. Planuner, for the Englishmen took position on the east, and Mr. Young, for the Americans, on the west, each midway of the track.

The preparations for their kitchens at tracted the instant attention of the lady skaters, who crowded around to see he the innocent dope of coffee, chocolate handed to the racers on the fly, and enten at limited express speed. This, however did not salisfy the crowd, which was im justiently waiting the entry of the bicycle They were in some respects as firstidious as a prima donna and as re-gardless of the impatience on the other side of the curtain.

At 2 o'clock they were still "dressing." In the meanwhile the names of the entriwith their numbers were posted on the blackboard, and when they came on the public was on speaking terms with the

Each of them got a hearty send-off as be tripped in lightly, leading his "horse." The Swede came after George Ball and made the aesthetic pair, the Swede in solid blue with white favors, Mr. Bail in blue and white. Then came C. W. Ashinger, No. 1, in black and white; Albert Schrock, American, No. 2, black and old Frank Waller, the "Flying Dutchskull cap: Charles Chapple, No. 4, red. black and white; Albert Hunter, No. 6, black and cherry, Harry H. Maddox, No. 7, American, orange and black: Frank Albert, No. 8, American, red, white blue: Dudley Marks, No. 9, England, blue: George S. Ball, No. 10, American, Wash ingtonian, blue and white, and John A. Lawson, Swede, No. 11, solid blue.

The Start.

The riders were cheered as they went around from the west to the east center of the track, where the start was to be made. The arrangement was by front of threes, Ashinger, Waller and Maddox slightly in front. The pacers stood like greyhounds in the leash, but for only a moments. They steadied themselves for the vault into position, and at precisely 2:23 o'clock Eddie Bald, the chanpion middle distance racer of America fired the signal pistol. There was mounting in hot haste, a whirr of the wheels and they were off, going south and heading for the incline at the pace that kills wins three thousand and old dollars.

Ashinger had the advantage of the pole He made a magnificent sport, striking the incime ahead, but closely followed with Waller and Hunter braced second, and the others in such a group that as they struck it quivered as the picturesque whirl swept After that it was a go-as-you-please

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RAILROAD RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Court Says B. & O. Must Pay In

Baltimore, Dec. 28.-Judge Harlan, in city court No. 2, today filed an opinion directing the receivers of the Baltimore and Obto Railroad Company to pay into court \$548,399.04 for the benefit of the ers of the Baltimore and Ohio Relief

Association.

Shortly before the road went into the banals of receivers a petition was filed by a member of the relief department charging that the assets of the relief ass which the railroad held in trust for the re her department under an agreement with the association, had never been invested. but had been borrowed by the trustees and was in danger of loss.

The court holds that the funds were re-

ceived by the raffroad company under an express trust to remain distinct and separate from the property of the company. The court directs that the funds of the relief association or the securities which

they represent be brought into court.

The receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announce that on Jan-uary 1 \$365,514 interest will be paid in New York, London and Baltimore on va ions securities of the company.

These securities include the Poltime nd Object trust bonds, Pittsburg and Connellsville first mortgage bonds, receivers' car trust certificates, Winchester and Poto-mac Ratiroad, and dividend on Winchester and Strasburg Railroad

WOLCOTT VISITED M'KINLEY

Talked About Bill Favoring International Bimetallism.

Active Opposition to Gov. Merriam for the Cabinet-Mrs. Saxton to Come Here.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 28,-Senator E. O. Volcoit spent two hours with Major Mo-

McKinley today and departed in a very happy frame of mind.
"I came to Canton," said he, "as chairan of the committee of five appointed by the Republican Senators in caucus to draft a bilt to carry into effect that plank of the St. Louis platform on the subject of international bimetallism. The bill meets the hearty approval of the President-clect It authorizes the President to appoint delegates to an international monetary conference, when such a meeting shall be

"Several European countries are interested in the matter and sentiment in favor of further recognition of silver brough international agreement is spread ng abroad. There may be a conference within a short time after Major McKinley maugurated."

Senator Welcott talked of a number of other topics and remarked that a pro-nounced anti-silver man, with a record of opposition to himetallism, would probably ot be looked upon in the West with favor as Secretary of the Treasury.

Politicians from Minnesota, who were ere today declare that there is active opposition to the appointment of ex-Gov Merriam to the Cabinet and that if he were appointed, Senator Davis would op pose his confirmation. Frank S. Witherbee, an active factor in

New York politics, spent half an hour with Major McKinley. He said the Republicans of New York had united in asking for the appointment of Mr. Bliss to the Cabinet, and declared Mr. Platt would be the next

Mrs. Maria S. Saxton, an aunt of Mrs McKinley by marriage, has been invited by Major and Mrs. McKinley to make her bome in the White House with them find as accepted the invitation. She is one of Mrs. McKinley's warmest personal friends. Major McKinley was overwhelmed with

visitors all day. DOOMED TO A SPANISH PRISON

Julio Sanguilly, an American City

zen, Sentenced at Havana. Havana, Dec. 28.-The tribunal befor which Julio Sanguilly, the naturalized American citizen, charged with conspiracy against the Spanish government, was tried and found guilty last week, the proceedings ending on Saturday, held a public sitting at I p. m., today, when the sentence im posed by the court upo othe prisoner was read.

The sentence of the court is that Sanguilty be imprisoned for life and not for 'eight years and a day,' 'as, it is learned

Counsel for the defense announced that he would appeal from the judgment of the tribunal to the supreme court at Madrid spontse ground that the indictment against Sanguilly was defective in form and that court proceedings were irregular and therefore an infringement of the law,

GEORGE SUMNER MURDERED.

Georgia Farmer Shot and His Daugh ter Assaulted-Fiend Escapes.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28 -A special to th relegraph from Unadilla, Ga., says that an old man, named George Sumner, living near that place, was assassinated last night by an unknown man.

Late at night the old man was awakened by a glare of flames from his barn, which had been set upon fire. Upon leaving the house, he was fired upon.

After shooting Summer several times, the assassin broke into the house and attempted an assault upon the only daughter

The daughter fought desperately, and acceeded in wrenching his revolver away. The murderer then fled. A posse is in

POTTER A CANDIDATE.

He Wants the Presidency of League of American Wheelmen.

New York, Dec. 28.-Chief Consul Isaac B. Potter, of the New York State division League of American Wheelmen, today announced his candidacy for office of president of the league, before the coming na-tional assembly of that organization. In a card he says. "I am convinced by re-cent events and by facts lately disclosed that unity of action within my own-divis national body of the league can be best served by the selection of an executive board."

Committed Suicide While Angry. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 28.-A special t the Press from Delaware, Ohio, says: Lulu Stultz, nged nineteen, in a fit of anger after reproof from her purents, cut her throat from ear to ear with a razor, this morn dying instantly. Her parents are

Ivy Institute Business College, 8th and K. None better \$25 a year, day or night.

terest to Be Paid. Institutions Closed in Chicago,

CAUSED BY RUNS ON THEM

Minneapolis and Superior.

The Scandia Bank of the Flour City Has Gone Under-The Bank of Superior Did Not Open Its Doors-Dime Savings of the Windy City Involved by Another's Ruin.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.-The Scan ha Bank of this city closed its doors this afternoon. It was organized some fifteen years ago by Mons Grinager, a prominent Scandinavian politician of this State, who

died in 1893. Its president is R. Sunde, who came to Minneapolis ten years ago from Willmar, Minn., where he had made quite a fortune as a money lender.

The last obtainable statement of the ondition of the bank was made October last. It showed loans and discounts mounting to \$189,288, and deposits ag eregating \$225,337. Its business has been ost wholly with Scandinavians.

Superior, Wis., Dec. 28.—Anticipating a run today the Bank of Superior did not open for business this morning. Henry S. Butler is assignce, and has assumed charge of the bank's affairs. The fallow is due to poor business and heavy with-drawals since recent failures in St. Paul,

Chicago and this city.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—The well-known connection between the Atlas Bank and the Dime Savings Bank, a small but old in stitution, caused the circulation of the report that it would also be forced to liquidate.

Its doors were open for business as isual, but there was little to do. bepositors came to draw out their savings, but they were presented with a blank notice to the bank that they desired to withdraw so much in ninety days from date and requested to fill out the paper.

The Protective Rule.

This protective rule of the bank, which was put in force December 23, exceeds he highest limit of other savings banks by thirty days, and it was made applicable oday to the Dime Savings Bank depositors f the smallest amounts.

This rule is not enforced in normal financial times, but it was considered necessary for the present, at least, by President Samuel G. Bailey No deposits were being received and the bank may be said to have temperarily stopped receiving and paying

Considerable money is due it from the Atlas Bank. The Chicago Safety Vaults are also operated in connection with the bank. Other banks of the city were doing susiness under normal conditions this norning.
The officers and directors of the Dime

Savings Bank were not at the bank this morning to answer the numerous and anxous inquiries of depositors. It was stated hey were out attending a meeting to de cide on a course of action in view of the Atlas Bank liquidation

The general opinion is that the Dime Bank vill follow the Atlas into voluntary liquidation, within ninety days. The enforcement of the ninety-day notice rule on deposi-tors who wanted to withdraw after the big bank collapse last week, did not create any did at other savings banks.

· Advised Not to Deposit.

Depositors accepted the statement of the ank officials that the precaution was best for all concerned and the ninety-day notice sould be withdrawn for insmediate payment of depositors at any time the cash reorces warranted such a step.

The Atlas liquidation, however, brought ech a run of depositors for their money hat the decision was reached this moing to advise all persons not to deposit any more of their savings because they might not get what they had on deposit for ninety days. The lint was amply sofficient to stop deposits and the bank relapsed into a state of suspended animation, pending developments.

The capital stock of the Dime Savings Bank is \$100,000. The report made to the State auditor of public accounts last July by the bank officers placed the liabili ties in savings deposits at \$458,000, but the total amount owing to depositors at present, owing to steady withdrawals due to hard times, is about \$300,000. The bank did not do a general business.

It is reported that the bank held coniderable stock of the Atlas as an investment. President Grannis of the Atlas was the active power in the Dime Savings and much of its noney was loaned to Atascustomers. The general opinion in bank-

ing circles is that the Dime Savings will have to go out of business at once as a result of the Atlas liquidation. Arlas Bank's Resources

The resources of the Atlas National Bank are estimated at \$2,550,000, with obligations approximating the same amount. Owing to inability to realize the actual value of the assets on a declining market it will be necessary for the banks which are members of the Clearing House Asso-ciation to advance them \$500,000 and \$600,000, pro rated according to their

capital stock, in order to pay all approved claims in full at buce.

This is expected to be done within a week. The amount of money needed to complete the liquidation is about \$100,000 more than was at first expected by the

learing house committee.

After Chairman Lombard of the cleaning After Chairman Lemmard of the cleaning house committee, who is acting as trustee for the associated tanks, had held a conference today with Cashier S. W. Stone, the acting manager of the bank, and had gone over some of the accounts, he expressed his confidence that the bank had not only small assets to core all held. not only ample assets to cover all liabil-ities, but that the stockholders would not suffer as severely as was at first expected. Mr Stone also saidthe stockholders would not fare badly in the division of the assets President Grannis is reported to be seriously ill at his home, and his physicians will not allow him to do anything in co

ALL HANDS WERE FROZEN

Schooner Elizabeth Foster Rescued With Difficulty.

Heroic Work of the Rescuing Crew of the Masconomah-Both Crews Exhausted by Their Work.

Glovcester, Mass., Dec. 28.-The fishing chooner Masconomah, arrived today, hav ng in tow the schooner Elizabeth Foster. of Buckport, which she fell in with yesterday twenty-five miles east of

Chachers' Islands, flying distress signals With great difficulty Captain Horter sent boat to the Foster and found that her master and crew were frostbitten and nearly exhausted and that the vessel was leaking.

A hawser was made fast and the aban doned vessel taker intow. Captain Harri-man, of the wrecked schooner, says he siled from Boston, Saturday morning with a general cargo. When off Boon Island at midnight his vessel was struck by a squall that carried away all he sails and nearly capsized her.

The yessel then sprung aleak and the was called to the pumps, which they kept working until daylight. The weather was so extremely cold that the men's tands were frozen and they were about to give from exhaustion when the Mas-conomali came to their aid. Capt Harri man, in assisting the crew at the pumps had his hands builty frozen.

PLEA FOR SWEET CHARITY St. Michael Island's Flooded Dis

trict Destitute. Boston, Dec. 28 -The Portneyees con sulate in this city has received a petition from the Island of St. Michael, in the Azores, signed by the Portuguese governo and nineteen others of the principal citizens, asking aid for the sufferers by the bursting of a giant water spout, November 2, over the city of Povoacko.

suffering for food, clothing, and shelter, and gives some particulars of the calamity. than which, it states, none has been more devasting in the history of the Island.

Tons of water poured down upon the city, which was of about 25,000 inhais ants, mounting above the roofs of the houses, ripping up the streets, and carry ing destruction everywhere in its path The torrent rushed down the slopes to the sea, tearing a wide channel through nine falles of country, and carrying with it the homes of thousands of people.

The flood also destroyed the town of Ribeira Quento of 3,000 population, and several outlying parishes. All along the coast the fisherium lost their boats and the shore was littered with the corpses of those who perished in the flood.

Arguments for a Pardon. Madison, Wis., Dec. 28.-Gov. Upham

heard arguments today for and against the release of John B. Koetting, sentence to five years in State's prison from this city for receiving deposits in the South-side Savings Bank when he knew the bank to be inscivent. The Governor took the matter under havisement.

Flooring, St.50 for 100 Feet. Kim-dried heart, one width, one length-Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.

Watch for a town. Congress Heighta.

STRICKEN IN A STREET

R. W. Fenwick Suffered a Fatal Apoplectic Stroke.

METROPOLITAN LINE TRAGEDY

President Harries Had Just Spoken to Him and He Fell Unconscious Upon the Floor-Taken to a Physician's Office, But Expired Immediately.

The second death in a street car oc curred yesterday afternoon when R. W. Fenwick, sixty-four years of age, residing at No. 1363 N street northwest, was stricken with apoplexy in an F street car near the corner of Eleventh street, at 4:30 o'clock, and died while he was being removed to a physician's office.

Earlier in the day Col. James W. Brady died in his seat in an Avenue cable car near Niceteenth street. In his case President Dunlop of the Capital Traction Comcar stopped.

Major George Harries, president of the Metropolitan Railroad Company, and a warm personal friend of Mr. Fenwick, was passenger on the same car in which the latter received the fatal stroke and spoke to him but a few seconds before.

Mr. Fenwick was a member of the firm of Mason, Fenwick & Lawrence, one of the oldest patent firms in the city, with offices at No. 602 F street northwest He had left his office a few minutes be fore, with the intention of dining at the home of one of his sons. Another son, Mr. Carlisle Fenwick, had dropped into the of-fice not fifteen minutes before the occurrence, and chatted with his father upo

Dead in the Car. The senior Mr. Fenwick was at that tim in the best of spirits, and evidently in excellent health, though he has been

sufferer from apoplexy for years. The unfortunate man occupied a seat in the closed car which was filled with pas-sengers. As the train stopped at the Eleventh street crossing Major Harries boarded it. He recognized his friend as he entered the car and spoke to him. Im mediately after returning the recognition Mr. Fenwick raised his hands to his chest and dropped over on the floor in front of

The car was stopped and Major Harries firected that the body be carried into Mertz's drug store on the adjacent corner. Sergt. Moore and Patrolman Edelen were standing on the pavement when the train stepped and they assisted in the removal of the body.

Mr. Fenwick was unconscious, but then were still signs of life about the body. Restoratives were applied and he was taken into the elevator for conveyance to the office of Dr. Munson, a pephew of the stricken man, whose office is in the same building with the drug store.

By the time the elevator had reached to

third floor, on which the physician's office is situated life hadvanished and the stricken man died without at any time regaining consciousness, and in less than two minutes after he had been removed from the train

No Inquest Necessary.

Relatives were immediately comm cated with and the remains were removed to Wright's undertaking establishment, on Tenth street. A short time later Coroner the body he decided that an inquest was wholly unnecessary and directed a certificate of death from natural causes to be seued.

suncement of the sudden death of Mr. Fenwick came, of course, as a great shock to the members of his family and his host of friends and acquaintances in this city. He was born in the District and was one of the best known citizens. He had been connected with the E-street Baptist Church since about thirteen years of age and was a deacon in the congregateacher in the city Sunday-schools for

forty-five years. He leaves a widow and six children namely, Mr. Robert L. Fenwick, of Dayton. Ohio; B. Carlysle, Roger M. and Edward T. Fenwick, Mrs. S. N. Whitewell and Mrs

C. H. Lane, of this city. The family physician had warned the members of the probable occurrence of ich a fatal attack as that of vesterday When sixteen years of age, Mr. Fenwick began the study of mechanical drawing and echanical engineering with William I Elliott, the architect of the Patent Of-He was connected with the Scien tific American for seven years, and in the latter part of his life wrote frequently for periodicals on scientific subjects, In 1861 he started a patent, law, and soliciting office in this city, and shortly afterward Judges Lawrence and Mason

mited with him in a partnership. Judge Mason continued with the firm for seven teen years, and Judge Lawrence, thirty

At the time of Mr. Fenwick's death, the business was carried on under the old firm name by him and his son, Edward T. Fenwick.

During the long practice, Mr. Fenwick had charge of some of the most important patent cases, and success attended him professionally and financially. He was elected a member of the board of aldermen under the reform ticket, in 1868. His chief aim during his service was to pro-mote the public school system.

When the city council voted to increase their own salaries he voted against such proceedings, and when defeated and the noney was placed to his credit be declined to apply it to his own use, but donated it to the Washington City Orphan Asylur

A meeting of the leading patent attorneys of the city was called in 1891 at the Ar-lington Hotel for the purpose of arrang-ing for the celebration of the centennial of the American patent system. He was chair man of the meeting and of the subsequent committee that superintended the fulfill ment of the arrangements.

Mr. Fenwick was an acknowledged au thority upon the history of patent laws, old and new. He was at one time prominently ndorsed for city postmaster.

The details for the funeral have not yet been completed. It will probably take place Wednesday from the family residence

BRYAN SCORES THE REPS

Dun's Review Liberally Quoted as a Basis.

Lincoln Traveling Men's Club Gives a Banquet to Their Champion. Prominent Speakers.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28. The large din-ing-room of the Lincoln Hotel was taste fully decorated tonight when the 175 in ited guests of the Lincoln Traveling Mens Bryan Club sat down to the banquet which was given in honor of William J. Bryan. In addition to the address delivered by

Mr. Bryan, Gov. Holcomb, Senator W. V. Allen and other prominent men of the State spoke. In responding to a toast Mr. Bryan said: "The traveling men are in a position to easure the promises made by the Repubican party with the folfillment of those The public was told that Re-

publican success would restore confidence nd that confidence was the only thing lacking. "In Dun's review of November 7 we and these words: "A great revolution has been effected this week in the condi-tions which control business. There is There is nore evidence already that a crushing reight has been lifted and rolled away and the business world has begun to ad ost itself to a state of freedom and se-

urity which it has not known for years. "'Dread of immeasurable disaster be onger locks up resources and paralyze ndustry, and new contracts involving many millions have become binding since the election.

The following week the same review

'No one now doubts that the brighter day is dawning and it is the common re-mark that never before has business shown so great a change for the better within a single week.

"On the following week the review starts out with the statement: ... The gain in volume of business continues entirely with-By the fourth week disappointment egan to manifest itself, and I find, according to Dun's report, that five of the

eight reports since the election show an increase of weekly failures over the orresponding weeks of last year. For the eight weeks since the election the reports show seventy-five business failures nore than for the corresponding weeks of 1895. "I call attention to these figures be cause they show either that confidence

has not yet been restored or that confidence, if restored, has not restored prosperity.
"The Republicans have promised to restore normal conditions without in-creasing the volume of currency. What they may do hereafter remains to be seen, but

tis evidem that they have thus far foiled to bring relief to the people." SHERMAN HAS DISAPPEARED.

Prominent Newspaper Man of Vir ginia Suddenly Left Home. Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 28 .- Mr. John W. Sherman, who for a score of years has been connected with newspapers of Lynchburg and other cities of the State, disappeared about ten days ago, and his

chereahouts is a profound mystery For two or three days after his sudden departure it was confidently believed that be would return, as it was stated by his elatives that he had been known on more than one occasion to disappear in a similar manner. His continued absence, I owever has rendered his family exceedingly anxious

IT LOOKS LIKE PLATT.

where he is.

Mail Canvass for Device of Senator

in New York to Succeed Hill. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28. The Albany Evening Journal for a few days past on ducted by mail a canvass to ascertain the choice of the 150 Republican members : the legislature for United States Senator

o succeed David B. Hill. Up to date forty-four members have signified their intention to vote for Hon Thomas C. Platt for Senator: Frank D Pavey, of New York city, for Joseph H.

Choate; and nine are undecided. COURT HOUSE DESTROYED.

George Allen, a Fireman, Seriousi

Hurt-Records Saved. Binghauton, N. Y., Dec. 28.-The cour bouse was destroyed by fire tonight, noth ing but the walls remaining. As it stood in the middle of a big square the fire did not spread. The county records being in a square building are safe. Ope man, George Allen, a member of

the hook and ladder company, was seriously burt. Livery Stable Burned. Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 28. - The large livery stable of J. R. Darwin, at Dayton,

Tenn., was completely destroyed today by

The loss will aggregate \$30,000

on which there was no insurance fire is believed to be the work of in-Weather Sirips, 114 Cents, per foot; either feit or robber. Frank Libber & Co., 6th street and New York ave.

fire.

Fire Threatened Many Houses Near It.

TOTAL LOSS IS \$160,000

The Blaze Originated in the Basement and Was Revend Control When Discovered-Immense Jam of People on New York Avenue, The Insurance.

The building occupied by the Julius Laneburgh Furniture Company, on New York avenue, between Thirteenth and Four-teenth streets, known as the "filink," was

burned to the ground last night.

The total loss will reach \$160,000, partially covered by insurance. Mr. Lansburgh when seen last night stated that the stock in his store was valued at between \$90,000 and \$100,000. It was totally consum

The insurance on the stock is \$61,000. The building, part of which was a new brick structure, was valued at \$50,000, It was owned by a local syndicate, snong show are Lawyer Campbell Carrington and Washington Danenhower, therealest are broker. The insurance is about \$27,000, \$7,000 being on the Rink and \$20,000

on the brick structure in the rear.

The residence of Dr. Z. T. Sowers, which adjoined the Rink on the west, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire, smoke and water.

The rear of the row of houses on Thircenth street was also badly scoreked, and the loss here and to alley property ba of the furniture store is sufficient to feet

a grand total of \$160,000 Nathaniel McKay nolds \$20,000 worth of policies on the Bink building. The risks are in the following companies:

London and Lonenstire Fire Insurance Company, \$4,000; Firemon's Fund Insur ance Company, San Francisco, \$4,000; \$2,000; North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, London, \$2,500. Man-chester Fire Assurance Company, Manchester, \$3.500; Agriculture Insurance Company, Watertown, N. Y., \$4,000. The Caledonian Company, the North

Assurance Company, policies amounting to \$8,000, will expire at 12 o'clock today. Mr. McKay had them renewed vestered

rish Company and the Manchester Fire

Property Threatened. The fire was one of the most threatening nat has visited Washington in many years. Within thirty minutes of the time it was its covered Mr. Lansburgh's place of tusiess was in paus, and it seemed as though beentire square would be consumed. Buildings on every side of "The Rink" were moking, flying sparks had ignited a long now of sheds in the near of houses on Thir senth street, between . street and New York avenue: Epiphany Church was in imminent danger, and the flames had begun to eat their way into the line of residences facing along New York avenue between the furniture store and Four teenth street.

on silhogettes of all surrounding objects which had the advantage of height. It is safe to say that half the city saw the glittering gilt imitation of the orb of day on the Sun building, the cupale on the home of the Riggs Insurance Company, and the great cross which surmounts Epiphany Episcopet Church on G street.

The light from the flames made crim-

The fire was discovered at exactly 6 o'clock by Joseph Kummer, a clerk in the employ of the Lansburgh Company. He first saw flames issuing from the floor near the center of the store. Mr. Kummer gave the alarm and rushed to the office where Mr. Lansburgh was

the fire had gained considerable headway in the basement and in a moment the entire building was filled with smoke. There was no hope of checking the flames and every effort was at once made to save the books of the concern, and

seated. It was evident at a ginner that

such property as could be hastily gathered up in the office. The First Alarm.

Kummer at 6:02 o'clock. It was a local and only called out No. 2 Engine Company. Within three minutes of the discovery of the fire the flames had burst through the floor from the basement and oversne was ordered from the building. But small portion of the backs were savel. When the first engine arrived the entire structure was abiaze. Smoke and flame were pouring from the doors and windows, and but a glance was recoled to

show that the building was doomed.

Two minutes after the local alarm was

sent in a regular alarm was rung from

box 143. Four engines and a track res-

ponded. The fire had gained such head-

way that they streaks of red were even then beginning to show around the sides of the building, and at different points along the roof. Old firemen said they had never seen a fire which burned so Tee building was of frame with brick walls. It was exceted many years ago and the wood was old and very dry. The Sames ran along the walls and up to the

roof. Egfore the firemen had gotten their appled or an engine had started pumping, the building was a great, red At 6.13 o'clock an alarm was torned in from box 617, calling four engines and truck to Daish's grain elevator, on Florida avenue northeast, near the New

York avenue station on the Metropolitan bro nch. A general alarm was sent out by Chief Parris, at 6:27, to which these companies were unable to respond until they had made the run to the extreme northeastern section of the city. Owing to this fact the department was obliged to work short handed until nearly three-quarters of an nour after the first alarm was turned in.
It was \$340 o'clock before every engine was on the scene, and by that hour the worst of the fire was over.

Heat Was Intense.

The crowd was immense. People were

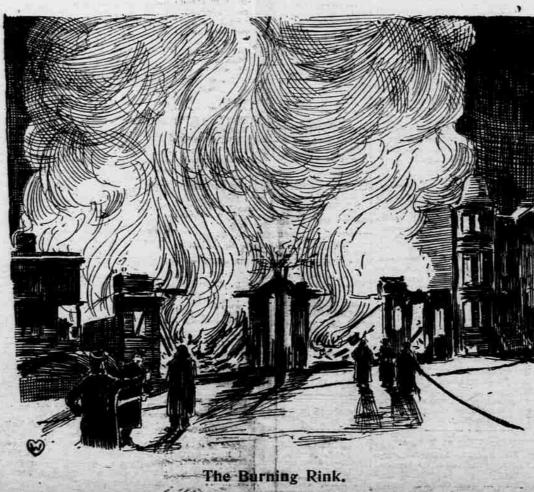
packed and jammed along New York venue, H. Thirteenth, Fourteenth and G Every housetop held as many as could crowd upon it and windows and foorsteps were white with faces, the flames broke through the roof columns of sparks shot high in the air and scattered down

Danger to people and buildings from this source was great and several small fires sprang up in the vicinity.

As the flames gathered headway and swiftly enveloped the building the crowd pashed forward until stopped by the

on the crowd and adjoining property

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